### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

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# DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

The "Responding Defendants," by and through their respective counsel, hereby respond to *Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion to Consolidate* [ECF 193 in *QJ Team*] as follows:<sup>2</sup>

Defendants are not opposed to, and support, the relief sought in the Motion to Consolidate, which requests the Court to enter a proposed Order that would:

- Consolidate QJ Team, et al. v. Texas Association of Realtors, et al., Case No. Case No. 4:23-CV-1013-SDJ (E.D. Tex.) and Julie Martin, et al. v. Texas Association of Realtors, et al., Case No. 4:23-CV-1104 (E.D. Tex.);
- Provide that the master docket and master file for the consolidated actions be *QJ Team*, et al. v. Texas Association of Realtors, et al., Case No. 4:23-CV-1013-SDJ (E.D. Tex.); and
- require Plaintiffs to file a consolidated complaint in Case No. 4:23-CV-1013-SDJ on or before March 15, 2024.

Although Defendants are in favor of the relief requested in Motion to Consolidate, they disagree with and dispute some of the factual statements and arguments included in the motion, including Plaintiffs' contention that there are "common issues of fact and law posed by the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> By filing this Response, Defendants do not waive, in this or any other action, any Defendant's counterclaims, defenses, affirmative defenses, rights (including arbitration), or arguments, whether stemming from common law, statute, or otherwise.

Actions." Motion to Consolidate pp. 4-5. While it is true that the *QJ Team* case and *Martin* case include numerous overlapping parties, issues, and facts that satisfy Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) and justify consolidation, these issues of fact and law are not "common" with respect to the alleged class members in either case for purposes of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

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